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MH costs for housing project total \$540K

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

All totalled, the affordable housing complex being built near the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden will cost Minden Hills township nearly \$540,000 – almost a quarter million dollars more than was anticipated.

In October of 2015, Minden Hills councillors passed a resolution agreeing to spend up to \$300,000 on preparatory work for the 12-unit housing complex being constructed by the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation.

The corporation is using \$1 million in provincial and federal funding for the construction of the building itself.

For the township's part, about \$200,000 was to be allotted for the relocation of a skate-board park and quonset hut from the building area, as well as the realignment of a trail on the property and some \$70,000 for road construction for an extension of Parkside Street. There was also about \$30,000 in planning and other fees that council agreed to waive for the housing corporation.

In the end, the relocation of the quonset hut cost the township \$150,000. It required the pouring of an an engineered concrete pad at its new home near the ball diamond. The relocation of the skateboard park cost \$15,000 and the relocation of the trail \$30,000.

Roads work cost \$180,000 and an unexpected cost for the township that staff only

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Fill your hearts with Christmas cheer

There were lots of smiles as children received gifts from Santa at the Kinmount Legion on Dec. 3. The annual event in Kinmount also included free breakfast with Santa in the morning, crafts for kids, horse-drawn wagon rides at the Railway Station and Christmas music in the evening. More photos on page 9. CHAD INGRAM Staff

MP Schmale happy with referendum proposal

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale is pleased that a parliamentary committee on electoral reform is recommending a national referendum take place on the overhauling of the federal electoral system.

A report from the all-party committee, which was tabled in the House of Commons Dec. 1, recommends a referendum on whether Canadians want to stick with the current, first-past-the-post system, or switch to some form or proportional representation, which would have the makeup of the House more accurately reflect the way Canadians vote.

Schmale and other Conservative MPs have been calling for a referendum on the issue, so the local rep is pleased with the result.

"What's even better is the electoral reform committee worked really well," Schmale said, adding its work crossed party lines and considered the input of months of consultations with communities across the country.

While some MPs hosted town hall meetings, Schmale sent out a survey, asking constituents if they favoured a referendum.

The committee's report does not specify which form of proportional representation Canadians might be looking at.

The NDP and Green Party are both proponents of mixed-member proportional representation, a two-tier voting system where voters cast two ballots – one for a party and one for a constituency representative.

While he is personally a fan of the first-past-the-post system, of the different forms of proportional representation, mixed-mem-

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No more surprises: Neville

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found out about in September was the expense of connecting the building to Minden's water and sewer system. Property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram told councillors it had not been clear before that the cost of hookup was the township's responsibility.

That work cost nearly \$110,000. There were also nearly \$30,000 in surveying, planning and legal costs for a total of \$537,380 on the part of the township.

"This is a lot of money," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, but added, referring to the Staanworth buildings, that it's been some 20 years since housing of this type has been constructed in Minden.

"To make it work, the municipality makes a contribution," Devolin said of the model used by the housing corporation. "This is a sustainable model."

The reeve said the work the township is completing will outfit not just the 12-unit building currently under construction – Phase 1 of the project known as Pine Grove Place – but also subsequent phases.

"Some of these were surprises," Councillor Jean Neville said of the expenses the township had incurred during the process. Neville wanted reassurance that future phases of the project would not cost the township additional money.

"Phase 2, they're on their own," Devolin said. "We have it totally shovel-ready for Phase 2. There will be some members of the public that will not be comfortable with that number, but I'm comfortable with it."

The reeve, who sits on the board of the housing corporation, pointed to an ongoing need for housing in Minden.

"In the village of Minden, we need the equivalent of 200 units," he said.

Occupancy for the 12-unit building is scheduled for next year. An ongoing annual cost the township will acquire as a result of the project is the transportation of snow during the winter. While snow cleared by township snowplows has traditionally been stored in the area where the building is being constructed, it will now be trucked to a township pit outside of town. This is expected to cost an additional \$45,000 per



This is a sustainable model.

— REEVE BRENT DEVOLIN



Happy retirement

Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt presents Dwight Thomas with a certificate of recognition from the province after his recent retirement. Thomas, a paramedic, worked for the county some 42 years. **CHAD INGRAM Staff**

Unclear what government will do

from page 1

ber is also the method preferred by Schmale.

"This is one I like better, mainly because you still have individual ridings, so people are still connected to their MPs," Schmale said.

Just what the government will do now is unclear. The Liberals seem unhappy with the outcome of the committee's report, with Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef quoted in national publications saying, "I have to admit that I am a little disappointed, because what we had hoped the committee would provide us with was a specific alternative system to first past-the-post."

However, members of the committee responded that their mandate was to investigate alternatives, not necessarily to make a recommendation on a specific voting model.

"She was either lying or she didn't understand what the committee was doing," NDP democratic institutions critic Nathan Cullen was quoted in the Toronto Star.

Monsef, who has called the idea of referendum on the issue 'divisive," apologized for her comments Dec. 2.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said in the past that ranked ballot is his preferred method of voting and many believe that system would most favour the Liberal party, since it sits in the middle of Canada's political spectrum.

A supplemental report from the Liberals last week suggested that Canadians are not engaged enough on the issue for a new system to be approved by 2019.

Trudeau has said previously that the 2015 federal election would be the last one to use the first-past-the-post system.



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Minden stores host ladies for shopping event

A steady flow of shoppers came to shop, as seen here at Sassy Digs during Ladies Night on Thursday, Dec. 1 in Minden. The annual sale is part of an initiative by Minden merchants, drawing shoppers to shop in the community after (some store's) regular hours. Hundreds of shoppers took advantage of discounted merchandise and extended hours. **DARREN LUM Staff**

Top right, a shopper at Pharmasave looks at bags during Ladies Night on Thursday, Dec. 1 in Minden.

Bottom right, the Wallflower Studio's Karen Sloan speaks with a customer during Ladies Night on Thursday, Dec. 1 in Minden.



There were a lot of happy shoppers and business people, as seen here at Up River Trading Co. during Ladies Night on Thursday, Dec. 1 in Minden.



Hair Stylist Services

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) MINDEN Site is inviting quotations for providing hairdressing services for the residents of Hyland Crest 2 days a week. Specifications may be picked up at the Minden Business Office, or the Haliburton Business Office, or can be faxed and/or emailed to you by calling 705-457-1392 ext. 2249 or email resume to adecarlo@hhhs.ca

Quotations due by 3:00p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

PUBLIC WELCOME

Dec 13th - Budget Standing Committee meeting, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

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NOTICE - SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, will meet as the Budget Standing Committee on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the first draft of the 2017 Budget.

For further information regarding the meeting please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or dnewhook@mindenhills.ca.

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CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOY DROP OFF

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The office will be open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, daily, until Friday December 23rd. The office will be Closed from Monday December 26th, 2016 to Sunday, January 1st, 2017, and will reopen Monday January 2nd, 2017 at 8:30 am.

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Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee Applications

C/O Clerk's Department Township of Minden Hills P.O. Box 359 - 7 Milne Street Minden, ON., K0M 2K0 sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Deadline to submit is December 21, 2016.

Application forms and more information on the committees' mandate and terms of reference, are available at www.mindenhills.ca/2015-2018-advisory-committees/ or by visiting the Clerks Department, 2nd Floor.

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Horseshoe Lake Road closes next week

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

A section of Horseshoe Lake Road will be closed for two months starting next week.

Beginning Dec. 12, a portion of the road just south of Bethel Road will be closed to traffic as Parks Canada begins replacing the Horseshoe Lake dam.

"Though work to replace the dam will be ongoing until late summer 2017, this road closure will last only a portion of that time, until approximately the end of February 2017," reads a release from Parks Canada.

The anticipated date of the reopening of the road is Feb. 24

In the meantime, motorists will need to take a detour using the northern entranceway to Horseshoe Lake Road off of Highway 35 near Twelve Mile Lake.

"For users of the river, access to the area immediately above and below the dam may be restricted during the construction period, but access to the rest of the river will not," the release reads. "Throughout construction, water management practices will remain in place and construction should have no impact on water levels."

About \$40 million of \$570 million in federal funding for improvements to the Trent Severn Waterway is being spent on projects in Haliburton County. Along with the dam at Horseshoe Lake, dams at Long Lake, Red Pine Lake, Esson Lake, Canning Lake, Twelve Mile Lake, Kushog Lake, among others, will be repaired or replaced.

Much of the infrastructure of the Trent Severn Waterway is more than a century old. The dam at Horseshoe Lake was constructed in 1909.

The new dam will include a pedestrian walkway that will allow for viewing the Minden Wild Water Preserve, located just below the dam at the head of the Gull River.

Updates on infrastructure work in Haliburton County can be found at www.pc.gc.ca/TSWHaliburton.

Physician recruitment efforts continue at HHHS

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 1 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

HHHS has received two expressions of interest from physicians who may potentially come to work in the community.

"We've been looking to recruit physicians to the Haliburton site," HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer told board members.

HHHS is facing a shortage of doctors at its Haliburton emergency room and the corporation is attempting recruitment directly, rather than through the family health team or the county's medical professional recruitment committee.

Health hub

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer has met with counterparts from four other hospitals that, along with HHHS, have been chosen as rural health hub pilot projects.

"Similar to HHHS, each site has already done some integration with other service providers in their communities," Plummer said.

In Haliburton County, the former Community Care, SIRCH hospice and day programming offered by the Victoria Order of Nurses were brought under the umbrella of HHHS's Community Support Services.

The idea with the rural health hubs is to bring every aspect of health care, from public health to palliative care, together under one organization.

Haliburton along with the communities of Espanola, Dryden, Manitouwadge and Blind River will receive \$2.5 million in funding over three years.

New LHIN chair

The new chairman of the Central East Local Health Integration Network – of which Haliburton County is a part – is Louis F. O'Brien. O'Brien formerly sat on the board of directors for the Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

"I think he's going to be a great addition to our LHIN and a great leader for the board," said Plummer.

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Breaking ground on palliative care centre

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Construction on the new palliative care wing at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services facility in Haliburton Village is underway after an official groundbreaking ceremo-

For two and half years, the HHHS Foundation has been raising funds for the project through its Making Moments Matter campaign.

While the foundation has reached its target of \$925,000, the anticipated cost of the expansion is now \$1.25 million, leaving \$325,000 left to raise.

"We will do this," foundation board member Don Popple confidently told a packed room. "You can put that in the paper if you want."

Popple noted that in the late 1990s, the community had raised several million dollars when the current hospitals in Haliburton and Minden were constructed.

"If we hadn't done it then, we wouldn't be standing here," Popple said.

The Haliburton Lions Club made a \$2,000 donation during the ceremony and board member Lisa Tompkins later said an anonymous donation had brought the shortfall to less than

The family of Kim Wilkinson, a Miskwabi Lake seasonal

"My brother and I were very fortunate to spend our summers growing up in Haliburton, as our parents - John and Bonnie Wilkinson, had a cottage on Little Hawk Lake," Wilkinson told the room. "Their cottage was seasonal, so at retirement, they moved to Irondale where they lived and ran the very successful business Hawkfield Auto Service until their failing health caused them to close it. They were very active in the community of Irondale where my brother, John, still has the family home.

"Given our long family history in the area, we have had many occasions to use the local medical services and we are very thankful that they are here and getting ever better. Having been involved in the end of life care of both of my parents, it was apparent that there was a need for a palliative care centre in Haliburton.

"The end of life is a very difficult time for families and can be even more difficult, stressful and expensive if they are forced to leave their community to seek care. Our family are very proud to support this centre and know that my parents would be happy to know that it will now exist for their family, friends and neighbours. We invite all full-time and seasonal residents to join us in helping to fund the new and much needed Haliburton Highlands Palliative Care Centre."

Huntsville's Greystone Construction, which has completed a number of projects in Haliburton County including the Granite View condominium building and the county EMS base, has gotten the contract for the job.

"I understand a small community raising a million dollars



Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new palliative wing at the Haliburton facility on Dec. 2. **CHAD INGRAM**

is impressive," said owner Pat Dube. "I respect that."

The expansion – which will include two palliative suites with private washrooms, a family room with kitchenette, quiet room and additional washroom - is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

The foundation has also launched its annual Cash for Care Lottery, which will help with costs.



















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Dying wish

ALIBURTON COUNTY is a community that takes care of its own.

It's something I've always admired about the place and have seen play out again and again and again.

Take the more than \$20,000 that was raised at the recent Christmas Shindig variety show to help struggling families heat their homes this winter as an example.

Or recall the astounding \$780,000 the community raised to

help victims of the devastating 2013 flood in Minden.

It was another of those occasions last week, as ground was officially broken for the construction of a new palliative care wing at the Haliburton HHHS facility.

The site will offer two private suites as well as common areas for families and allow residents facing the end of their lives to die graceful, dignified deaths with medical assistance on hand and their families by their sides.

The money for the project – some \$1 million – was raised by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation during the past couple of years.

Actually, it raised \$925,000, but with a new anticipated project cost of \$1.25 million, must raise another \$325,000 to make up the shortfall.

"We will do this," foundation board member Don Popple said at last week's ceremony. Popple didn't say "can" or "must," - he said "will," with a confident, matter-of-factness.

And he's right. The community will put forward the money, because that's what it does, members stepping up time and time again to fill gaps in government funding.

During that same ceremony, board member Lisa Tompkins announced that an anonymous donation had already brought the shortfall to below \$300,000.

Foundation executive director

Dale Walker, board chairman Peter Oyler and all the members of the board should be commended for their perseverance, their constant and persistent lobbying and fundraising efforts. They are pounding the proverbial pavement all the time to improve health care in

the county.

CHAD INGRAM

Reporter

So too should all the donors who've contributed to the project be commended, the Wilkinson family in particular. If there's any lingering doubt anywhere about the contributions of seasonal residents to the community, one should look no further than the Wilkinson family.

We won't get into numbers here, but let's call their contribution to the project, made in memory of parents John and Bonnie Wilkinson, "substantial."

Haliburton County is a community that looks after its own. From the beginning, to the very end



"You're taking things too literally when I say leave everything in the ring."

The final countdown

T'S EARLY DECEMBER and that special day is approaching very quickly. Of course, I am referring to a time of joy and celebration and faith and hope. It is a time to gather with friends and family in the shadow of an evergreen, while pondering one of our most enduring miracles – basically, how such thin ice can support your huge friend?

Yes, ice fishing season is almost here. That means, if you are an ice angler, you clearly have to start preparing for the season now. You need to work on getting reels

spooled with new line, ensuring your fishing licence is valid, slipping a new rod or two in the house and making sure your electronics, augers, shelters and winter clothing are in proper working order.

That's the easy part.

As any seasoned ice angler knows, however, the psychological and physical aspects are the hard part.

Typically, I begin physical preparations now by jigging for cats from my living room arm chair. This is great practice for ice fishing, but only because, no matter what colour of yarn I tie on, my cats will ignore it for hours on end. Then, they will hit the set line that's hanging from the upstairs landing but, by the time I race over when the flag pops, the cat will be gone.

If you do actually catch a cat, have one member of your family take a blurry photo of you and the cat. To simulate it properly, it is imperative that the photo is composed so your face is not in it.

If you do this for hours on end with every door and window in the house wide open, you'll start acclimatizing yourself to the upcoming season – but only if you soak the

bottom half of your snow pants, step into an open heating duct and lose one glove.

Oh, and if you target walleye, you need to do this in pitch black with a malfunctioning flashlight. It also wouldn't hurt if you could convince one of your family members to charge at you with a million candle spotlight, and roar to simulate an oncoming snowmobile.

If you want even more realism in your preparation, buy live bait and spill the bucket, then scramble to get all the minnows back in the bucket, while dealing with

the cats

Of course, the mental preparation is even better.

I do that by watching PBS documentaries. I can think of nothing that simulates the mind-numbing boredom that accompanies a fishless day on the ice better, unless, of course, you actually want to do your taxes early.

In any case, if you do these simple exercises in the time

between now and the first day of ice fishing, you will hit the ice running – which reminds me of the last exercise that you might want to consider – one that involves slipping on a banana peel.

I would advise doing this no more than two or three times an hour and if you can work this into running for a flag that the cat has set off, so much the better.

I understand all this might sound a bit extreme but ice fishing is mentally and physically taxing and anything to give you the edge can't be all bad.

Next week, we'll talk about how you can simulate late season fly fishing by standing in waders in a tub filled with frigid water, while tangled in fly line under a cold shower.



STEVE GALEA *Beyond 35*

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Déjà vu all over again

HERE ARE NONE so blind as those that cannot see.

He didn't say those words, but that's the real message delivered last week by Michael Ferguson, the federal auditor general.

Auditors-general give regular reports on how our governments, federal and provincial, are performing. The reports often are litanies of waste and screw-ups that governments promise to fix. Sometimes fixes are made, often they are not and some problems continue to exist for years, even decades.

In his fall report, Ferguson revealed why problems don't get fixed. Why governments fail to serve us the way they should.

Governments don't see because they are looking in the wrong direction. They are looking towards themselves, instead of the people.

"Over the years, our audit work has revealed government's lack of focus on endusers, Canadians," he said in a special message attached to his fall report.

Which really means that civil servants and politicians manage programs to accommodate themselves rather than the people they are supposed to serve.

"What about programs in which the focus is on measuring what civil servants are

JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

month.

doing rather than how well Canadians are being served? In such cases, the perception of the service is very different depending on whether you are talking to the service provider or to the citizen trying to navigate the red tape."

Ferguson said an example is the federal government's many new measures implemented to improve security, yet speed the flow of goods and travellers across the border.

"However," he writes "these departments and agencies cannot show Canadians how these measures have significantly enhanced border security or accelerated travel and trade."

I can second that, having made a trip to the U.S. last

When you arrive at Toronto International for an out-of-country flight you enter a massive hall filled with computer stations. You feed a computer your passport, stand very still while it takes your picture, then you receive a piece of paper with your photo on it.

You then show your piece of paper to someone who directs you to another officer who looks at the paper, then you go to the U.S. immigration officer who looks at the paper and your passport and you, before you pass through to the hell of emptying your pockets, hauling out your electronics, taking off your shoes, and explaining that you have a titanium knee that is going to set off the alarms on the body scanner you have to pass through.

Returning from outside the country, the traveller is greeted at Canada Customs (or whatever they are calling it this year) by rows of computer screens. You give your passport to the screen, which asks you some questions, then issues you a sheet of paper.

You walk into a line, show the paper to an officer who directs you to another officer. You show that officer the paper and he or she may direct you to another officer who interrogates you, or to a hallway to another officer who takes the paper.

It used to be that going or coming you stood in line, walked up to a counter where an officer checked your passport and grilled you about where you are going, or

Going and coming these days you get the impression that computer sales folks spent a lot of time wining and dining some politicians and civil servants.

A day or so after Ferguson made his fall report, Ontario auditor general Bonnie Lysyk released hers. Another day, another litany.

Lysyk reported that Ontario rewards shoddy contractors with more work, has a climate change plan that will help California more than Ontario, has yet to finish its eHealth digital health strategy after 14 years and \$8 billion worth of effort.

She also noted that Ontario increased its advertising spending by 66 per cent. That spending of course came after Premier Wynne softened the laws banning use of public funds for partisan ads.

Nearly \$50 million of that huge increase in ad spending went to ads promoting the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan, an idea that crashed and burned soon after

Like Ferguson noted in his federal report: it's déjà vu all over again.

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letters to the editor

Consider one-tier government

To the Editor,

In reference to the editorial in the *Times* about Warden Carol Moffatt making some suggestions in changes to the position of warden for Haliburton County, may I suggest that she did not include the obvious solution to the warden and council's future.

There should be another amalgamation within the county to become a single tier municipality. The last amalgamation was a start and now we should complete the process to a single tier. The need for all five governments for our small population does not make any sense today. (Not that I thought it did before either).

Going to four local townships and the county did result in savings and some streamlining of

Additional savings and getting rid of so much duplication services is the answer. I know that not everyone will agree that the last amalgamation was beneficial, the same as people in other jurisdiction did not want the change or embrace it. But let's at least take a very serious look at completing the amalgamation of our

> **Bill Obee Minden Hills**

Highway maintenance unsafe

To the Editor,

Monday morning (Dec. 5) as I pull out onto Highway 35 at Moore Falls, I wonder where are the snow plows? I turn on my local radio station and I'm told that there is a traffic problem at Miners Bay and Highway 35 and that the highway is impassable.

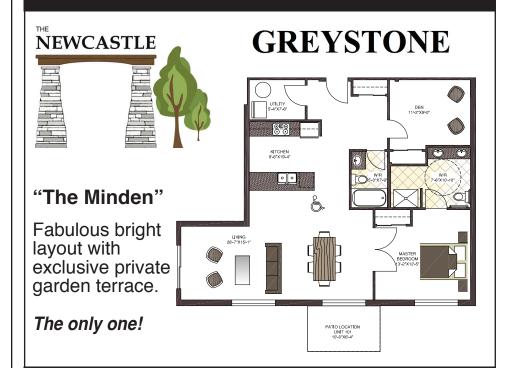
As I approach Miners Bay cautiously, I see that there is a tractor trailer sitting in the southbound lane facing northbound. In the northbound lane there are two other tractor trailers. waiting to go up the hill. I travelled up the hill myself in my AWD vehicle, and when I get to the top of the hill, I notice that in the southbound

lanes there is a line up of traffic, which includes a Carillion snow plow and a Carillion pick up truck (which, might I add, is being towed out of the ditch). What a mess! Needless to say the rest of my drive to work from Miners Bay to Minden was treachous! The highway had maybe one pass by the snow plow at 8 a.m. that morning.

I'm pretty sure the snow had stopped at least by 6 a.m. that morning, so why wasn't the highway cleared properly? Was it because the snow plow wasn't able to make it down the hill at Miners Bay because of the tractor trailer that was blocking his way? But really, I would have thought that by 8 a.m. Monday morning that Highway 35 would have had at least two passes

see WHAT page 8







Minden Mercantile helps out pet owners

Minden Mercantile and Feed Company has made a major contribution of \$1,000 to assist low income pet owners in Haliburton County through the Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund (HPOAF).

HPOAF was launched in October of last year to help lower income residents of Haliburton County with the extraordinary costs of non-routine veterinary care. Over the past year, the registered charity has aided nine dogs and two cats and their owners, working with veterinarians in Haliburton, Minden and Coboconk.

Conditions treated have ranged from diabetes to smoke inhalation (when a pet was involved in a car crash) to removal of masses. Pet owners have included seniors on GIS, persons on the Ontario Disability Support Plan, families with children and single moms. Most pet owners have contributed to the cost of the required veterinary care for their pet, with HPOAF topping up the required amount.

An important criterion for HPOAF in deciding whether to provide assistance is the importance of the bond between the pet and the owner and the track record of the owner in providing good care on an ongoing basis for their pet.

Minden Mercantile and Feed Company owner, Kelly Pearce, said, "Being a smaller feed company, while offering a wide assortment of products for farmers and pet owners, our focus is on the needs of our local customers. Sadly, we sometimes see first-hand the hardships that people in our community face when their pets become ill and need emergency care. Helping the Haliburton Pet Fund to help these pet owners is a good way for us to reach out to these people in need."

Retired veterinarian, Dr. Peter Bennett, who serves as a volunteer director of the HPOAF, said, "For many people in our community, a dog or a cat is an important part of their support system. While pet owners provide ongoing care for their companion animals, sometimes the pet requires extraordinary care for an illness or incident. We can't say a big enough thank you to Kelly Pearce and Minden Mercantile and Feed Company. For a relatively small business, they have made a very large donation to the HPOAF, which will make a big difference for some pets and their owners."

- Submitted by the Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund



Matthew, Susan and Erika Andresen, Neil and Kelly Pearce. Photo submitted

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What has to happen?

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with the snow plow by then! Does something more serious than this scenario have to happen before the province wakes up and realizes that Highway 35 in the Highlands is in serious trouble? What has to happen? Does a serious accident where our loved ones are killed on Highway 35 have to happen before someone's going to realize that there is a problem?

Enough please! Can someone help us?! This is a provincial highway and it's being treated as a secondary sideroad! If you go to the Carillion Canada's website, they have a saying at the very top of the website: "Carillion Making tomorrow a better place."

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Debbie Comer Moore Falls



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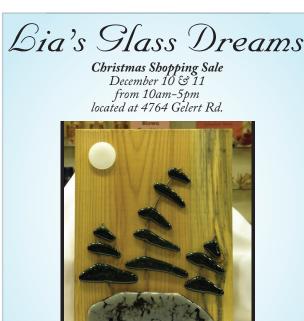
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Christmas wishes

Children lined up to tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas when he visited the Kinmount Legion the afternoon of Dec. 3.

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Unlike some of the other children, Jake Lachapelle had no fear of Santa.

Jayce Peacock eyes up a gift from Santa.

There was a large line to see Santa Claus.



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ASES Salad Club offers fresh alternatives

Archie Stouffer **Elementary School** Grade 2 students Jayla Bird, left, and Emma Bull help themselves to fruit and vegetables at the Salad Club on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Started by the school's principal Jane Austin and assisted by the Catering Crew Action Team, the club encourages students to bring one piece of fruit and one vegetable to participate in contributing to the buffet of produce offered monthly at the lunch hour. DARREN **LUM Staff**



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lot intended to solicit properties already listed for sale.

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

When Jayla Bird ate the piece of freshly cut pineapple she had just donated she smiled and exclaimed "yummy." That was the common sentiment at the most recent Archie Stouffer Elementary School Salad Club.

Led by the school's principal Jane Austin and her student helpers, the Catering Crew Action Team, this event uses the contributions of students to provide a produce buffet in the school's family studies classroom on the last Wednesday each month.

Austin said this club brings a nutritious option to students, promotes health and improves student learning.

"We see better behaviour if kids are fed and eating nutritiously," she said.

If students want to participate in the club they are encouraged to bring in one fruit and one vegetable donation, which is then prepared and served by Austin and the action team. However, the buffet is open to all and supplemented for students who forget or are unable to contribute.

Once a week the student catering team is also responsible for helping with the snack program and they also assist with the planning of the menu for the Express Breakfast Club three days a week: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. They range from Grade 5 to 6. Eligible students are from Grade 5 to 8.

One of its members, Hannah Gartshore, said it makes her feel good to know she can make a difference.

Any extra food from the event is bagged up and given to students who forget or don't have a lunch to eat. "It's cool that we have this [to give]," she said.

The donations continue to grow as does the participation, which doubled since the first one in October.

More contributions could lead to more frequent events.

In the first offering there were mainly Grade 7s and 8s. This time around there were more than 40 students of virtually every grade and gender who have the opportunity to eat carrots, cucumbers, sweet bell peppers, lettuce, pickles, avocados and broccoli, and rice krispies squares made by the action team. The next club is the last Wednesday in January.

Austin has spoken to the Food for Kids Haliburton County co-ordinator Aaron Walker that funding could be available to help with this initiative. One thought, she said, is to use the money to purchase a mobile refrigerated salad bar unit. This would allow food to be served in places other than the classroom with kitchen facilities.

She organized the same offering at her last school, Bobcaygeon Public School, which was held just once a month with two sittings each, drawing upwards of 80 people. The idea came from a successful meal event.

The target is to have a similar draw to Bobcaygeon.

"That's our goal because we roughly have the same population. If we can even get a quarter of the kids participating that would be fantastic," she said.



Giving time more important than gifts



The Minden Church Mouse heard ...

My friend reviewed her young son's fill-inthe-blank homework. One line: "At Christmas, we exchange gifts with _

His response: "Receipts."

I tell my kids that Santa is fat because he eats the children who get up early on Christmas morning. That way, I get to sleep in.

Just as I began my Christmas Eve service, the electricity in the church failed. The ushers and I found some candles and placed them around the sanctuary. Then I re-entered the pulpit, shuffled my notes, and muttered, "Now, where was I?"

A tired voice called out, "Right near the end!" You know you're getting old when Santa starts looking younger.

The Minden Church Mouse also heard Rev. Max say that ...

Season's greetings to all of you. We have a full calendar of events for our churches during this Advent season. On Saturday, Dec. 10, we will have our Christmas Open House at our house. Please drop in anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. to enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

As I sit here pondering the coming season I am drawn to a book which my mother gave me a few years ago. This book is called Simplify and *Celebrate*, compiled by a non-profit organization called Alternatives for Simple Living, and available through the Wood Lake Books. Simplify and Celebrate contains simple Christmas giftgiving ideas, stories and activities. What I really like about it is the alternative focus, away from commercialism, towards the spirit of Christmas as a celebration of hope, peace, joy and love.

This Christmas my family is once again changing its focus. Family is important to us, and we will continue to see our parents during Christmas. This year we are meeting my parents at the Nottawasaga Inn a little ahead of Christmas along with my sister's family from Burlington and my brother's family from Fort McMurray. But we are making other changes too. In the past we have appreciated materialism more than I'd like to admit. This year, in our house, we are reducing the number of gifts under the tree. We still intend to celebrate, and give gifts, but we have asked our relatives to instead consider giving their time. A trip to the park, snowshoeing or skiing with family, baking a batch of cookies together, and donating to a favourite charity are more important to us. We want our children to grow up sharing these values. So this year, it is the getting together from far and wide that is the gift (with maybe a couple of little things to open up). Christmas Day will be spent partly at home and partly in Bracebridge with Amanda's parents and brothers plus their families. No shortage of visiting family this year!

When I look back to Christmas as a child, what I remember most is visiting with my grandparents, singing Christmas carols, sharing a church potluck and participating in the Christmas Eve service. Of course, I received many tangible gifts too, some of them were appreciated, but now it is the intangible gifts and memories which mean the most to me.

This Advent and Christmas season, I urge you to focus on God's gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love as you go about your business. Imagine how we can use these gifts to improve the lives of others and ourselves. I wish you all the best in the season ahead.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. God Bless.

Sincerely, Rev. Max Ward

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Minden United Church:

Dec. 24, 7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Community

Sunday, Jan. 1, 11 a.m. Joint Pastoral Charge Sunday Service (Minden United Church)

Sunday, Jan. 8 1 p.m.- 15th Annual United Church Community Mixed Bonspiel at Minden Curling Club- all welcome. no experience necessary Adults \$12. Youth \$6-5:30 Bonspiel Pot Luck Super at Minden Curling Club Sign up 705-286-1305

St. Paul's Anglican Church:

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Dec 24, 7 Family Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist.

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Toy drive gears up

With the help of players from the Highland Storm, the Minden Hills fire department has kicked off its annual toy drive. Unwrapped children's toys and non-perishable food items can also be dropped off at the Minden Hills administration building on Milne Street until Dec. 16. Donations go to the annual Christmas basket program. Photo submitted



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The Land of Snow made the stage glow with tulle and glitter as the ballet dancers floated like snowflakes ending the second scene in the first act of The Nutcracker. Dancers include Rebecca Hamilton, Claire Karaguesian, Madeline Hopkins, Betty Paton, Mikaela Kauffeldt, Maya and Daniella Meraw and Snow Queen Sonya Flatman.

In the Spanish chocolate dance, Claire Karaguesian, Alyssa Morissette and Ella Moynes spice up the stage of The Nutcracker.







Waltz of the Flowers gave a distinctly springlike feel to the stage of The **Nutcracker during** dress rehearsal at the Northern Lights **Performing Arts** Pavilion on Dec. 2 in Haliburton. A dewdrop, bumblebee, butterfly, flowers and "petite" flowers made for a floral flurry of activity.



Unicorns Sophie Longo and Michaela McCready-DeBruin gave the Land of Sweets an otherworldly vibe in The Nutcracker, performed last weekend in Haliburton.



The Nutcracker opens on Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum's Parlour. The scene is filled with festive delight, parents and children frolicking around the stage.



The toy soldiers crouch at the front of the stage during the battle scene in the first act when The Nutcracker battles the Mouse King. Toy soldiers included Isaac and Gideon Borgdorff, Dalton and Matthew Fairey, Luke Gruppe, Erik Bird, Tristan Humphries, Naven Stewart, Anthony Stephenson, Duncan Evans-Fockler and Jacob Manning.





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Red Wolves compete at regionals

The Red Wolves special Olympics curling team from left, skip Emily Boccitto, vice, Dawn Piercey, second, Skylar Pratt, lead, Brent Leffering, coach Dave McKay and alternate **Trevor Bauer** stand together before their weekly practice on Monday, Nov. 28 at their home facility at the Minden Curling Club. Boccitto's rink recently competed at the regional qualifier for the OCA **Tankard Provincial** Championships in Kingston and finished B division second place finishers with a 3-1 record (losing their last game in a tie breaker. They await a decision whether they advanced to the next round./ **DARREN LUM Staff**

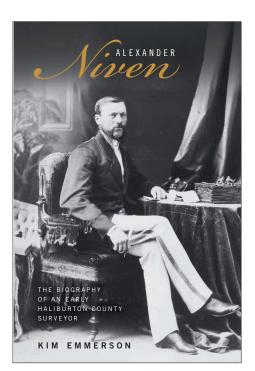
Red Wolves special Olympian Emily Boccitto throws a rock in a practice on Monday, Nov. 28 at the Minden Curling Club.



Red Wolves special Olympian second Skylar Pratt watches her rock slide to the house in a practice on Monday, Nov. 28 at the Minden Curling Club. Skipped by Emily Boccitto, the Wolves are waiting on a decision if they have advanced from the regional qualifier for the Tankard Provincial Championships in Kingston.

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Hawks tie earned from last second heroics

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

Sometimes a point is just the beginning. The Red Hawks escaped with a point in its 2-2 home opener tie for the Kawartha High School Hockey League on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton after playing a man short for more than half the overtime.

With the four-on-four five-minute overtime, it's not something teams practice for and it's even more challenging when you play one player down for most of it.

Coach Ron Yake was satisfied with his team's effort and their ability to gain a point.

"To come out of it with a tie was almost a victory in that sense. We didn't give up that goal in the five minute overtime so kudos to the guys that were on the ice and working hard looking after that," he said.

Yake acknowledges a win would have obviously been better, but the point is important in this "competitive hockey league."

He welcomes this challenge, believing it will prepare the team for the playoffs.

There were only 19 seconds left in the game when the Hawks sniper Mat Wilbee scored on tip-in at the front of the net from a quick cross-ice pass by defenceman Jacob Bishop at the boards.

Yake deflected any credit for a drawn up play and complimented his players' efforts to send the game to overtime.

"That was sheer hard work and good effort. It's nice to be rewarded for good effort," he said.

Wilbee's heroics wouldn't have been possible without the stellar and steady play of

rookie goalie Carson Sisson

"He was very steady in the net and does not lose his angles. He controlled the rebounds and he had a very good game for a Grade 10 in the home opener," he said.

The Grade 10 athlete is part of three-goalie rotation set, which will change each game until playoffs.

The other two goalies are Grade 10 Jackson Campbell, who played in the season opener, and veteran Cole Finlay, expected to play in the next game at 3:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 in Haliburton.

The Hawks weathered the Spartans' first period offensive storm and kept the score knotted at zero for the first until Haliburton's Owen Smith could score with 9:57 left in the second period. They carried the lead until late in the second and then were down a goal with 4:44 in the third period.

The home opener was a strong team effort, but it starts with a formidable defensive corps.

There is a mix of rookies and veterans on the blue line who were big part of the low scoring affair.

"They were working well as pairs and as a defensive unit ... Carter [O'Neil], Shawn Walker, Ryan Hall are new to the team. Those three guys had a good game," he said.

Except for one penalty in the overtime, which he attributes to "bad luck" rather than intent, the Hawks didn't get penalized after the whistle and demonstrated discipline to stay out of the box for senseless penalties.

With a team of teens, they did well to only commit two penalties in the first and second. In the third the team doubled that and then edged out the Spartans two penalties to one in the extra frame.



Red Hawks forward Owen Patterson-Smith, in white, follows up on his own rebound, trying to score on LCVI goalie Leo Davidson in Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the A. J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. With 19 seconds left in the Hawks' home opener, Haliburton's Mat Wilbee scored the tying goal to send the game to a four-on-four five minute overtime. The game ended 2-2. The Hawks forward Owen Smith scored the other goal. /DARREN LUM Staff

After two league games, Yake believes his team is rounding into form, making improvements from the season opener against the Spartans days before in Lindsay. Haliburton lost 5-2 and are now 0-1-1 on the season while the Spartans are undefeated 1-1-0. The effort was there, Yake said, but didn't play as well as a team like they did in the rubber match in Haliburton. Before this game, the team worked on short shifts, moving the

puck, power-play and face-offs.

The team improved in all facets.

"Considering where they were on Tuesday and where we are today I think it's progress and we got to be happy with our effort and play today," he said. "If we continue to see that type of improvement I think we'll be competitive and have a good season."







Lions share

Minden Food Bank's manager Joanne Barnes recently accepted \$500 worth of donated food from the Minden and District Lions Club's Scott Moore. Submitted by Scott Moore



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Dollo's Master Men's Bonspiel held at the Minden Curling Club

The 13th annual Dollo's Master Men's Invitational Bonspiel was held at the Minden Curling Club on Tuesday Nov. 22. The 14 teams competing this year came from seven Ontario curling clubs including Minden. The all day spiel included a delicious lunch for the players.

The bonspiel is sponsored by the local Minden Dollo's Foodland who also supplied the excellent meat prizes which were awarded to the first four winning teams in each draw. The overall winning team and recipient of the Dollo trophy was a team from the Haliburton Curling Club skipped by Dave Connell with Don Wetmore as vice, Bill Hutson as second and Dave Luke at lead. Submitted by Jim Gillanders and picture by Gord Sheehan

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Application FOR Minor Variance**

Take Notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, December 19, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications PLMV2016068, PLMV2016069, PLMV2016070, and PLMV2016071. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2016068 - Part of Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1025 Canfield Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the placement of a Utility Shed within the required setback from the High Water Mark and to the front of the principle dwelling. The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit the structure to the front of the dwelling with a setback of 8.4 m. (27³8") from the High Water Mark whereas 23 m. (75'6") is otherwise required, with the structure located to the rear of the dwelling.



PLMV2016069 - Part of Lot 17, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1211 Loucks Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the reconstruction of the existing non-complying two storey Sleeping Cabin which is located at the High Water Mark with a larger and taller two storey Sleeping Cabin at the same location. The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit a 1 m. (3'4") increase in height allowing for a 5.55 m. (18'3") high accessory building whereas 4.5 m. is otherwise the maximum and no increase is permitted for a building within 15 m. of the High Water Mark; and, to permit an 18.3% increase (9.2 m2 [98.6 sq.ft.]) to the existing 50.1 m2 (539.6 sq.ft.) footprint whereas no increase would otherwise be permitted. As a result of the increased size, the Lot Coverage for accessory buildings and structures would amount to 5.7%, whereas 5% is otherwise required.



PLMV2016070 - Part of Lot 12, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1311 Shaws Lane; and located on Canning

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the expansion of a non-complying building (dwelling) which is located 16.3 m. (53.5') from the High Water Mark which is less than the required 23 m. (75'6"). The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit a 115% increase (59.8 m2 [644 sq.ft.]) to the existing 71.4 m2 (769 sq.ft.) dwelling whereas à maximum 25% addition would otherwise be permitted.



PLMV2016071 - Part of Lot 11, Concession 10 & 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; located on vacant land on Lackies Lane; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new dwelling within the required setback from the High Water Mark. The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit a setback of 15 m. (49'3") from the High Water Mark whereas 30 m. (98'5") is otherwise required.



Have Your Say: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

Written Submission: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclendening@mindenhills.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the

More information: Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at www.mindenhills.ca. For more information about this matter contact iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2016.

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Silver Stick gives novices a challenge

The Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team competed in the Silver Stick Tournament in Cobourg on Dec. 2 and 3. Their first game on Friday had the Storm square off against the Newcastle Stars. The Storm got out to an early lead and managed to shut down the offensive attack of the Stars with strong defensive play. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Stars to one goal and helped earn the Storm their first win of the tournament. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills and Josh Scheffee. The Storm ended the game with a 4-1 win.

Looking to add a second win to their day, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team faced the Petawawa Patriots in game two. The Storm got down by a couple goals early in the first period but managed to respond with one of their own in the second period by Brechin Johnston. With the Patriots up by one heading into the third period, the Storm were on the doorstep and the game was within reach. However, the Patriots came out in the third with two more unanswered goals resulting in a 4-1 loss for the Storm.

In their final game of round robin play, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team took on the Renfrew Timberwolves. From the initial puck drop the Storm skated fast, passed the puck well and had solid positioning but it wasn't enough to stop the powerful attack of the Timberwolves. The Storm netted one goal by Jace Mills and ended their Silver Stick experience with one win and two losses. The novice team is back in action on Friday, Dec. 9 when they travel to Mariposa. Good luck, Storm!

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Tykes have first tournament

The Tom Prentice and Sons tyke team had their first tournament of the season on Saturday, Dec. 3. Deagan Davison scored in the first period starting their first game off against the Kawartha Coyotes Red team. Henry Neilson scored in the second period with Deagan Davison and Vanek Logan scoring in the third period to tie it up and move into a shoot out. Hudson Horsley played tremendously and saved all shots on him in the shoot out. Evan Perrot and Vanek Logan both scored in the shoot out to win the game 5-4. The second game was a tough battle against the Whitby wildcats. Deagan Davison scored a hat trick with Vanek Logan adding to the score board. The team played amazing and fought to the end of the game. Sadly they lost in the end with a score 10-4. The third and final game against Kawartha coyote white team was a tiresome battle. It allowed the team to work on their teamwork and moving the puck. Kamahl Russell-Casey raised the puck to score in the first period. The whole team skated hard but wasn't able to pull out a win. What a great start to the Tyke season and hard work by all the players. Go Storm Go!

Submitted by Tamara Bain

Wild no match for Storm peewees

On Saturday, Dec. 3, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm peewees headed to Sunderland to face the Brock Wild. The Wild were on the board first but it didn't take the Storm long to tie it up with a goal by Hunter Winder unassisted and then another by Dylan Keefer unassisted to put the Storm ahead 2-1. With momentum on their side the Storm kept the pressure on the Wild and netted two more goals in the second period with another goal from Keefer unassisted and a goal by Evan Armstrong unassisted to put the Storm up 4-1 heading into the third. The third period the Storm kept control of the game scoring four more goals. With goals going to Keefer unassisted, Nick Phippen assisted by Winder, Winder unassisted and the last goal going to Zander Upton assisted by Ben Robinson. The wild scored one more to put the final score at 8-2 for the Storm. The Storm's next game is Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. in Port Carling against the Muskoka Rock.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Well-earned win for atoms against Lightning

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Mariposa to play the Mariposa Lightning. This was a close game from the very beginning. Aiden Perrott was the first to score early in the first period but with two minutes left the Lightning scored to tie the game. The second period started with a goal by Cooper Coles to put the storm in the lead. Half way through Austin Boylan scored his first goal and Storm was up 3-1. But Lightning scored and than 10 seconds later Austin Boylan scored his second goal and than 10 seconds after that the Lightning scored again. The game was 4-3 going into the third. The third started with the Lightning scoring the first goal. Three minutes later though Addison Carr scored his first goal, than the Lightning scored a minute later, then Kadin Card scored a minute after that. Two minutes later Austin Boylan scored his hat trick goal of game and Addison Carr scored his second goal right after. The Storm were up 8-5 but with 10 seconds left the Lightning scored and the final

It was a well earned win for the Storm.

On Dec. 11 The Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atoms host the Mariposa Lightning at 2 p.m. in Haliburton at the A.J. La Rue arena.

Submitted by Amber Card

Peewee girls play Peterborough tournament

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls participated in the 36th annual Peterborough Ice Kats tournament this past weekend. Up first was the fast flying Kanata Rangers. The girls were challenged to every puck and had to adjust their game to keep up with the Rangers. With shots and goals from each end the girls lost the opening game of the tournament by a score of 4-3. Goals scored by Emma Tidey (2) and Olivia Villamere and assists to Megan Jenkins (2), Ava Smith (2), Avery Coens and Mackenzie Hudder.

Next matchup saw the girls facing off against a regular season divisional team, the Ennismore Eagles. The Jets maintained great puck control and dominated the game not



The peewee girls had their photo taken with St. Nick.

by a score of 5-0. Goals were scored by Hailey Hudder, Tidey (2), Villamere and Ryan Rupnow. Assists go to Elyse Ives, Peyton Armstrong and Rupnow (2).

Bright and early Saturday morning the girls were back on the road to take on the host team, the Peterborough Ice Kats. Building off the night before the Jets knew they would have to come out strong to beat their great goaltending. Solid passing and quick feet is what boosted the girls to their second win of the tournament by a scored of 4-1. Goals were scored by Villamere, Rupnow, Chloe Billings and Armstrong. Assists going to Smith (2), Tidey (2) and Rupnow.

The last game on Saturday was a do or die situation for the Jets to advance to the finals. They faced off against the Goulbourn Rockets. With a very intense, physical game the Jets showed they would not be easy to beat or be intimidated by their size. The girls fought to the last minute but would be beat 3-1. Goal scored by Armstrong, assisted by Hudder and Ives. Bella Smolen had a fantastic weekend between the pipes. With two losses, the girls did not advance but played some of their best hockey to date and they also managed to take in some Christmas spirit with a visit to see Santa Claus.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

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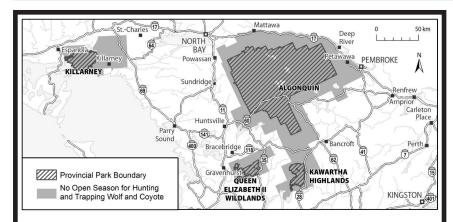
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New Hunting and Trapping Season Closures for Wolf and Coyote

The Algonquin Wolf was recently re-classified to 'Threatened' under the Endangered Species Act. As of September 14, 2016, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) implemented new hunting and trapping season closures for wolf and coyote to support the protection and recovery of Algonquin Wolf.

As it is difficult to distinguish the Algonquin Wolf from coyotes or other wolves, it is now illegal to hunt and trap wolves and coyotes in Algonquin Park and three core areas where Algonquin Wolf is known to inhabit (see map). Landowners in these three additional areas still have the right to kill or harm wolves and coyotes if there is risk to their health and safety, or to that of their domestic animals and livestock.

Additionally, MNRF passed regulations to continue to allow the hunting and trapping of coyotes and wolves outside of these four areas under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. These regulatory changes balance the economic and safety needs of local landowners and farmers with the need to protect this threatened species.

For more detail, visit ontario.ca/page/algonquin-wolf

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Bowling scores

Mondays

Men High average Claude Cote 214

High single Claude Cote 290 High single handicap Claude Cote 303 High triple Claude Cote 781

High triple handicap Claude Cote 820

Women

High average. Chris Cote 175 High single Chris Cote 211 High single handicap Norma Terro 267 High tiple Chris Cote 596 High triple handicap Gloria Taylor 736

Tuesday scores

High Average Ken Thompson 208 High Single Neil Darby 291 High Single H/C Bruce Shepheard 305 High Triple Neil Darby 703 High Triple H/C Neil Darby 754

Women

High Average Chris Cote 184 High Single Chris Cote 222 High Single H/C Rae Shepheard 258 High Triple Rae Shepheard 548 High Triple H/C Rae Shepheard 722

Friday

Men

High average. Claude Cote 197 High single Gary Hunt 290 High single handicap Gary Hunt 318 High Triple Gary Hunt 682 High triple handicap 766

High average chris Cote 188 High single Chris Cote 280 High single handicap 312 High triple Chris Cote 674 High triple handicap Chris Cote 770

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Tom Prentice honoured

Tom Prentice was selected the Highlander of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting banquet held Wednesday evening at Wig-A-Mog Inn.

Presentation of the award was made by businessman Ken Fielding who praised Tom's involvement in many activities throughout the county, especially those which attracted visitors to the area.

Tom's active involvement in the community stretches back over many years and includes a broad spectrum of activities. One of the most prominent is as the driving force behind the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association. He has served as president of the organization for a number of years and has helped steer it through turbulent times as the provincial government withdrew trail funding support.

Tom has also been actively involved in the car racing on ice that has placed Minden on a regular winter circuit. Many of the participants have expressed appreciation for the facilities available in Minden, mostly due to the efforts of Tom Prentice.

The 1983 Highlander of the year is also an active member of the Minden Kinsmen Club, an organization for which he has served as president.

Tom has been involved



Tom Prentice, left, accepts the Highlander of the Year award from Ken Fielding. The presentation was made at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner Wednesday evening.

with the Minden Recreation Committee, Minden Minor

Hockey, the Masonic Lodge, the Haliburton County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, the Chamber and the Minden United

His selection as Highlander of the year was greeted by the audience with a standing ovation.

Honourary membership

The Chamber also paid tribute to one of its long standing members who retired from business this year. Eileen Crawford, the owner and operator of Hart Lodge, until this spring when the business was sold, was awarded an honourary membership in the Cham-

In making the presenta-

tion, former Chamber manager Bob Stinson pointed out that Eileen had been a member of the Chamber since its inception and had been an active promoter of the Haliburton Highlands.

The recipient of the award was unable to attend the meeting to accept the plaque. She was on holidays.

ban plea rejected by county council Haliburton County the area a nuclear weaponsfree zone.

Nuclear weapons

Council has voted against making this area a nuclear weapons-free zone. The vote came at the October 19 meeting as the council was asked to endorse a resolution presented by the Haliburton County People for Peace Committee.

Louise Watson spoke on behalf of the organization. She told the council that the committee had held a meeting in August in Minden. At that time those in attendance unanimously endorsed a resolution calling for the county to be declared nuclear weaponsfree. The group also suggested that the 'resolution be forwarded to county council for endorsement.

Watson commented on several aspects of nuclear weapons production including the present world stock pile of nuclear arms represents an explosive force 5000 times greater than all the munitions used during World War Two. She noted that on the average, the world spends 1.3 million dollars per minute for military purposes, "while children are dying for want of food and inexpensive vaccines.

She told the meeting that Canada profited by the export of arms, including the sale of \$300 million to the United States and \$200 million to other nations.

Watson told the meeting, "I do not want to become a politial activist. I just feel very strongly about nuclear weapons and I don't want to see my country and home devastated by them." She suggested that if more municipalities became nuclear-free, the country would soon be rid of the weapons.

First to respond was Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. He noted it was "hard to argue against" the case made by the representative of the peace organizaabout nuclear weapons," he commented. He described the action recommended by the group as "a slap in the face to Canada's closest ally, the United States." He suggested that Canada should not tell the U.S. to be in second place, allowing the Russians to win the arms race. He also questioned whether the county had the statutory right to declare

Lutterworth Deputy Reeve Glynne Lewis asked Watson if her group had made contact with a similar organization behind the Iron Curtain. Watson said her group hadn't, but noted that Dr. Clarke MacDonald, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, who had addressed the summer meeting, had attempted to establish contact with a similar group. "I'm sure the Russian people are in sympathy with our efforts," she commented. Lewis then questioned

how much say the Russian people have in the policies of their government. "The people who are making the policies in Russia don't listen to their public," he added. The deputy reeve said the Russian government had done more to create problems throughout the world through terrorism and declared that until there is substantial peace contacts with the Russians he would not support the resolution.

Snowdon Reeve Bob Vick declared that he was against war but he felt that Canada could not stand alone in the world. He suggested that the peace movement could be controlled by Russian spies. He said his comments were not directed at the local

Sherborne Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed said that Canada had to fulfill its share of responsibilities as a member of NATO.

Stanhope Reeve Harry Davis said he could appreciate the feelings of the organization. He suggested however, that a resolution seeking total nuclear disarmament would probably receive a more hearty endorsement.

The motion to support the resolution endorsed by the Haliburton County People for Peace Committee was lost on a vote of ten against seven for and one abstention. Voting for the resolution were: Stanhope Reeve Harry Davis; Stanhope Deputy Reeve Elgin Stouffer; Sherborne et al Reeve Dalton MacDonald; Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Lyle McKnight; Anson, Hindon and Minden Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas; Lutterworth Reeve Ron Gambell; and Cardiff Reeve Mack Peters.

Chamber elects new board

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has a new board of directors. The new board was elected at the organization's annual meeting held October 19 at Wig-A-Mog

Elected to the board were the following incumbent members: George Schmid, Jack MacGregor, John Stainton, Alan Bagg. Wendy Ramsay, Ken Langdon and Bob Jennings. Others elected to the board include: Shawn Hagerman, Pauline Baumgartner, Emily Skinner, Albert Foster and Brian Adamson. Past president Rhonda

Elstone will also serve on the board for another term.

The election was the culmination of a busy day of activities which saw seminars, discussion groups, speakers and reports being offered for chamber members.

Dennis Casey chaired the annual meeting, commenting that he was pleased with the large turnout of members. In presenting the slate of candidates he pointed out that the board had been unable to attract potential board members from the eastern portion of the county.

While the votes were

being tabulated, outgoing president of the Chamber Rhonda Elstone presented a combined president's and manager's report. The Chamber was without a manager at the time having dismissed the previous

marketing programs and successes of the year's activities. She noted that two promotional ideas, the shop and deal program and the Harvest Festival were less than enthusiastically accepted. She said the future of these programs has yet to be decided.

Elstone reviewed the

Re-organization failed

Commenting on the re-organization of the chamber operation which took place earlier this year Elstone noted, "It looked like a good idea at the time. We were attempting to share the workload, to expand into new areas."

The outgoing president admitted that the change just didn't work. "I can't point to any one particular reason why it didn't work out," Elstone said, "I can only ask you to bear with us while we try and iron out our problems."

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Cookie dough party

DORSET NEWS

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Don't be disappointed! Sign up now for the annual Christmas Cookie Dough Party. It's on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dorset rec centre. Participants will make refrigerator cookie dough to bake at home. There are three kinds of dough to be made: orange sable dough, brown sugar shortbread dough and chocolate espresso dough. The recipe handout includes ideas for variations such as brown sugar shortbread wedges, almond crescents, chocolate thumbprints, orange sable cookies, orange poppy seed spirals, chocolate espresso wafers and Neapolitan cookies. These are tried and true recipes and the cookies are delicious! Space is limited to 10 people, first come first served and payment is due in advance to secure your spot. All materials are supplied and the cost is \$25 per person. Email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to find out more.

We are invited to attend some or all of the special Advent events and services at Pioneer Memorial United Church which is located at 2370 Highway 60, Hillside. On Dec. 11 at 9 a.m. they will be having their Advent service No. 3 with coffee time. This will be the last Sunday to hang something warm and cozy (mitts, hats, slippers, socks, scarves etc.) on their Tree of Warmth at coffee time. Also on Dec. 11 later in the day at 2 p.m. there will be a Carol Sing and Goodies with music by Rob Attfield. Email Marg Winchester at winchester.scott@gmail.com for more

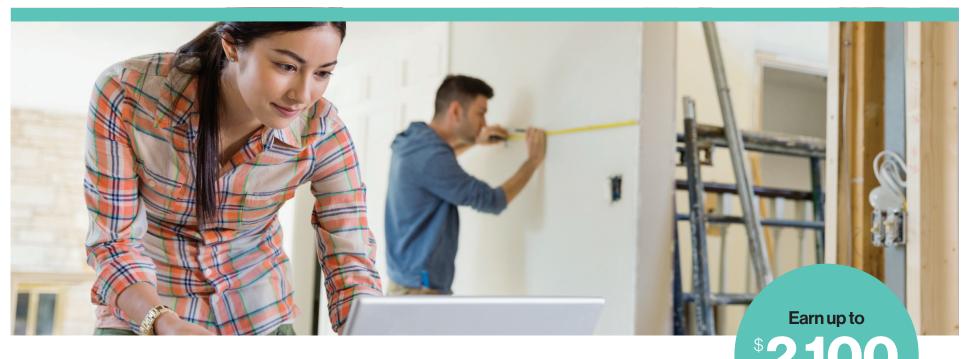
The sale has begun! The Baysville Lions Club is holding a Christmas Tree Fundraiser and are selling six to eight foot Fraser Fir Christmas Trees for \$45 each. Delivery for an extra \$5 fee is available (contact them for details). The Lions will be at the Baysville Country Store & Gas on December weekends from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Dec. 10, 17 and 18) and on Sunday, Dec. 11 in the arena parking lot after the Santa Claus Parade. You can also order a tree through Facebook (search Baysville Lions Club) or email baysville@a12lions.org. All money raised will go right back into the

And speaking of the Baysville Santa Claus parade, here are more details on this famous annual event (does it still go around the village twice?) attended by those near and far! The parade starts at 1 p.m. in downtown Baysville. There will be free drinks, hot dogs and pictures with Santa at the Lake of Bays Community Centre/Arena following the parade. The Lions will be collecting food for the Winter Pantry all along the parade route. Please bring an item to support the Winter Pantry program for our Baysville and Dorset

Free VON Smart Exercise classes continue at the Dorset Senior's Club on Hwy 117 on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. and Fridays at 1 p.m. These are gentle exercises for those ages 55+. For more information, contact leaders Joanne at 705-766-9026 or Shirley at 705-766-9347.

Koffee Klatch and Knitting is taking place on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Dorset Rec Centre (in the Dorset branch of the HCPL). Meet for coffee, social time and knitting (or craft of your choice - adult colouring supplies also available). Yarn and re-

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freshments are provided. Knit for fundraising (DRC will sell or donate items) or keep items for yourself. This program is free with a DRC membership or \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for youth/ senior per person. Registration is not required – please drop in!

Happy birthday to Donald McEachern and Jacqueline Timbers. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



The fourth annual Oxtongue Lake Community Christmas Tree Enjoying some hot chocolate after the tree lighting from Lighting took place Friday. Liz Lindsay, Santa and the official left, (all cousins!) back row Dominic and Luke, front row, tree lighter this year, Gwen McCormack hug it out.



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AROUNDTHE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse the two trees are now standing in place ready to be decorated. The dining room table has been transformed into "wrapping central" and this year every effort will be made to attach labels ahead and not depend later on memory, shaking, poking and sometimes rewrapping. Tuxedo cat Jake is obsessed with paper and again has managed to insert himself into the limited work space while the shared scotch tape minus its dispenser continues to frustrate. Like every family the Christmas season brings back memories both happy and sad. We remember

with joy the birth of son David early Christmas morning in 1962 and with sadness the sudden passing of my Dad on Dec. 21 back in 1970. Bruce's parents who then had moved to Fenelon Falls were good sports even sometimes struggling up the long, snow-filled farmhouse driveway to join us. We remember last minute trips to town, never seeming to have the right tool or batteries late into the wee hours of that special morning and the expression of absolute wonder from six-year-old grandson Austin outside spreading oats to guide the reindeer. A city dweller he had looked up and saw the stars sparkling overhead in the clear northern

A big thank you to all those groups and volunteers who contributed to the success of this year's Christmas in the Village celebration. Being on duty at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace during Santa Day was great fun with so many children coming in looking for Kinny the Elf who was clearly visible unlike last year when even the adult Guild members on duty couldn't find him. Mackenzie Gray won the delightful musical snowman and his dog and some 50 prize bags were given out as well. The absolute highlight for Nancy and I however was when the big guy Santa himself arrived for a visit a little ahead of his scheduled 2 p.m. pickup at the Post Office. With fingers crossed behind our backs we solumnly assured him that our names belonged on his good list however his parting "Ho, Ho, Ho" definitely did have a bit of a doubtful ring.

Ready to enjoy an afternoon of country music, square

dancing and an open mike head out to the Coboconk Legion for the Country Music Jamboree this Sunday, Dec. 11. Hosted by the Country Hot Flashes with Scott Russell and Ron Lister the event runs from 1 to 5 p.m. . Admission is \$8 with food made available by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

On Friday, Dec. 16 the Friends of Galway (FOG) will hold its annual potluck supper gathering at the Galway Hall ar 5 p.m. This group meets about four times each year and explores the history and happenings of residents in Galway Township from the early settlers and their adventures to the present. For more information give Bill Lee a call at 705-488-2625.

The monthly book sale held by the Friends of the Kinmount Library will be on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the branch on the lower floor. This year our Christmas shopping choices included several books and this morning on CBC radio there was a discussion about readers returning by choice to actual books (analogue not

In closing a reminder that the Kinmount Lions Club have set up their Angel Trees at the medical centre, post office, Legion Branch 441, the LCBO and the Kawartha Credit Union to receive donations of new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items. The Kinmount Legion will be holding a Christmas Bingo this Friday, Dec. 9 at 6:45 p.m. and a donation to the food bank will get a card for an extra

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together...

UPCOMING Community **Events**

HALIBURTON COUNTY: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program

When: Thursday, December 8, 1 pm.

STOP Program supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost. Smokers will also get educational material and other resources to help them in the quitting process. To see if you are eligible, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 or (705) 457-1391.

Try it Fair, Organized by the Haliburton County **Public Library**

When: Friday December 9, 2016 4pm-6pm

Where: At the Athletic Complex at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

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Highlands Wind Symphony, 2016 Annual Christmas Concert

When: Friday December 9th, 7:00 pm

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

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Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, Food Drive

When: Friday December 9th from 11:00 to 3:00.

Where: Wilberforce Foodland

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Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade

When: Sunday December 11th.

The Parade starts at the school at 12:30 and finishes at the Lloyd Watson Community Center, followed by a party for all with Santa and treats. Bring the kids for a Merry afternoon!

White Gift Sunday

When: Sunday, December 11, 11:15 am

Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St. Sunday School Presentation: "Welcome to Bethlehem"

Environment Haliburton! (EH!) cordially invites you to join us for a presentation by Peter Sale, marine biologist.

When: Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 pm - 9 pm Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton, Peter will speak on how climate change is impacting our communities and what we can do to deal with those changes. An informal discussion and Q&A session will follow. Everyone Welcome!

Lochlin United Church - Old Fashioned Community Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long

When: Wednesday, December 14th, 7:30 pm

Where: 1050 Lochlin Road off the Gelert Road (County Rd. 1) Accompanied by Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends" Join us for singing, refreshment of hot cider and Christmas

Donations for the food banks gratefully accepted. Info: Lois Rigney 286-1765



The Township of Minden Hills would like to recognize and thank the following for their support and participation in this year's Santa Claus parade:

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County card scores

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Nov. 28 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Kathie Porter 5,210, Linda Voycey 4,680. Alek Zworski 4,560 and our bridge reporter for 3 events Margo Davidson 4,390 with the Lucky Loonie going to Willie Cox.

Nov. 29 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Top marks went to Doreen DeGrave at 3,850, Tom Needham 3,630 and our reporter Nancy Ballantyne 3,500. This group begins play at 9 a.m. and has as a resource Jan Heaven who assists new players and those wishing to improve their bridge skills.

Nov. 29 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Nancy McPherson reports that holding the most lone hands was Bruce Shepheard with Helen Burk high lady and Rae Dawn Shepheard low. Tom Grix took top marks for the gents with Ed McDowell low man and Perry Peacock the special prize winner.

Nov. 29 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 285. our reporter Betty Wagar 248, Vi Howell 229 and Jean Scadden 202. First for the gents at 295 was Pat Scadden followed by Karen Chapman 276, Archie Ross 245 and Bill McKnight 234. Tom Grix won

the major draw with Bill McKnight, Jean Scadden and Vi Howell claiming the smaller prizes.

Nov. 29 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: First at 379 was the duo of Yvonne Arbuthnot and Margaret Oetelaar followed by Sandy Poulton and Ray Lymer 287 and our reporter Pearl Cowen going solo with 275. The afternoon's low score of 166 resulted in a tie between June Miller and Dorene Elestone and Irene Murphy partnered with Cathy Thomas.

Nov. 30 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Jackie Metcalf and Bruce Armstrong tied with Irena and Alek Zworski for first place at 60 percent then Sandy McKay and Carol Bowker 59 percent and Judy Neimann partnered with Rolly Forbert 53 percent.

Dec. 1 euchre at Minden Legion: Shirley Davis and Tom Bagshaw won for most lone hands with Irene McDowell high lady and Tom Orr high man. The evening's lows went to Bev Johnson and Warren Ross with Tom Orr, Kaye Bull, Reg Coulter and our reporter Tom Grix taking home the other prizes.

Dec. 1 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: This was a special holiday event with extra prizes and dinner. Leading ladies were Vi Howell 286, Anne Manning 269, Pearl Cowen 221, Irene McDowell, Betty Wagar 216 and Jean Scadden 207. Representing the gents our reporter Bev Johnson led at 329 followed by Tom Grix tied with Bruce Medcalf 279, Pat Scadden 269, Marcel Roussel 256 and Kevin Maloney 216. John Deak held the hidden score, Pat Scadden won the card draw and Sharron Atkinson call 1 while the low score was posted by Dwaine Lloyd and for the high game our reporter Bev Johnson tied with Jean Scadden at 62. There were four moonshots recorded by Anne Manning, Ida Young, Theresa Deak and Kevin Maloney before everyone headed off to dinner at Minden United Church. There were many more draws at dinner with Diane Wigley, Doug McIntosh, Sharron Atkinson, Archie Ross, Jean Scadden, Maria Tschida and Dwaine Lloyd along with John and Theresa Deak all taking home

Dec. 2 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Ev Morgan and Muriel McIntosh took top honours at 61 percent with Tom and Margo Davidson next at 58 percent and Helen Baker partnered with Dee McLean third

at 52 percent.

Dec. 2 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that winning for both high hands and the special prize was Cathy Howe with Pearl Cowen taking most lone hands and Joan Riel

Dec. 4 Sunday Big Bucks Euchre at Minden Legion: High scorers were Carol Hill 95 with a three way tie for second place by Earl and Dorothy McFeeters and Jessica Hutton all at 93 with our reporter Bev Johnson holding the most lone hands.

Dec. 5 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Yvonne Arbuthnot and Lyn Preston with our interim reporter Pearl Cowen and Don Blakey posting the high scores. Mary Trumbull was a double winner taking both the afternoon's low score and the special prize.

Dec. 5 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: From Rose Isaacson the news that Marjorie Paradis topped the charts at 326 followed by Frank Franzen 315 and Sam Gaudet 260. Gala Newell won the draw while Marjorie claimed the only moonshot over the afternoon.

Dec. 5 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for both high hands and the special prize was Eileen Shepstone with Pearl Cowen taking most lone hands and our reporter Sherin Brown claiming the prize for low hands.





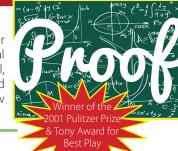
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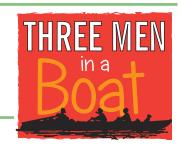
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Royal Canadian Legion Br.# 519, County Road 48, Coboconk, on Friday,

December 9, 2016 from 12:00 pm until the time of the Service to Čelebrate Marjorie's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow the service at the Legion. Spring Interment at the Coboconk Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, CNIB or to the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 519 "Poppy Fund" would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.



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Graham, Nila J.



Passed away peacefully at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital, Huntsville on December 3rd, 2016. Mrs. Nila Jennie Graham, in her 85th year.

Loving wife of the late James Douglas Graham. Beloved mother of Jerry (Sandy), Rick, the late Nancy, Tammy (Dave), Laurie (Ted) and Michael (Carol). Treasured grandmother of Peter, Jenni, Casey, TJ, Juliana, Andrew and Jessica. Dear sister to Bud Kernohan, Merle Barkwell. Predeceased by dearly loved son-in-law Kevin Paris, brothers Allen Kernohan and Bev Kernohan.

Nila was born and raised in Minden, Ontario to Taylor and Vivien (nee Pritchard) Kernohan. Raised on a farm she grew up learning the value of hard work, which she passed on to her family. She married Jim at the age of 19 and proceeded to move around Ontario following Jim's career at Ontario Hydro. The family ultimately called Huntsville home in 1970 and planted roots. Nila was well known in town through her volunteer work with the Huntsville Hawks organization, her time at Sears and Northey's. Nila devoted her life to her children, grandchildren and husband. She loved watching and talking sports, especially the Leafs and ue Jays. A natural artist, she was an accomplished painter and "antiquer". She loved pets in particular her beloved "Tweety". She had a zest for life and fought hard to remain part of this world until the end.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Billingsley Funeral Home, 430 Ravenscliffe Rd, Huntsville, Ontario on Friday December 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Chaplain Tom Brown officiating. Visitation one hour prior. A reception will follow at the Funeral Home. The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at Huntsville Hospital for their tender care and personal devotion.

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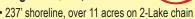


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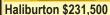
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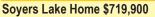
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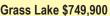


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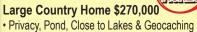
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- Fully Finished Lower level with walk out
- Double detached garage with loft!



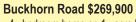


3 Bed ranch bungalow, LR, DR, Country



- Well Maintained 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Home
- Newer Shingles, Paved Drive, Carport, Sunroom Garden Shed in Private Backyard





- 4+ bedroom home on 1+ acre lot
- Beautiful setting overlooking natural pond
- Easy year round access



- 1.45 acre lot offering Western exposure 163' of frontage, large sand beach
- · Clean, deep water on 2 lake chain



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